AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2007.

Claims 1, 6, 8, and 12-16 are amended, claims 3-4, 7, 9, 11, and 22-30 are canceled, without prejudice to the Applicant; as a result, claims 1-2,5-6, 8, 10, and 12-21 are now pending in this application. The present application now has 3 independent claims and 16 total claims pending.

Applicant has made the claim amendments for purposes of allowance and does not believe that the amendments necessitate any new search. As such, Applicant believes that entry of the amendments is appropriate and respectfully requests the same.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because of the following informalities: The limitation "managing the access attempts by inspecting the access attempts before making them available". The Examiner indicated that "them" is interpreted as information for exam purpose. Applicant has clarified what "them" referred to in claim 1 and as such believes that the present objection is no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 11, 13, 16-17 and 22-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Subramaniam et al. (U.S. 6,081,900), hereinafter Subramaniam. To sustain an anticipation rejection each and every limitation in the rejected claim must be taught or suggested in the exact detail and identical arrangement in the reference cited.

Applicant has amended the claims to now make clear that it is content and metadata that are pre-acquired from an external site (not the site associated with the secure site) and scanned before access is permitted during the secure session. The Subramaniam reference includes, inter alia, an URL transformation process. There is no teaching or suggestion of the newly recited limitations where content and metadata are pre-acquired and scanned.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed to issue.

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Claims 3, 9-10, 12, 14-15, 18-21 and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam in view of "Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide Version 3.5 for Unix", 1997, hereinafter Netscape_unix_v3.5. Claims 3, 9, and 27-30 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the Applicant; therefore rejections with respect to these claims are now moot. Claims 10, 12, 14-15, and 18-21 have each either been amend and/or dependent from an amended independent claim. Therefore, the rejections with respect to claims 10, 12, 14-14, and 18-21 should be withdrawn in view of the above amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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